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SUBJ: KUWAITIS CONTINUE TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR BIG NEIGHBORS

1. MY IRANIAN COLLEAGUE TELLS ME HE HAS INFO THAT KUWAITI CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER JABER AL-AHMAD WILL VISIT SAUDI ARABIA, PRESUMABLY IN FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE. AMBASSADOR ZANDFARD REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE VERY CLOSELY HELD.

2. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM ANY NUMBER OF SPECIFIC SUBJECTS THAT THEY MIGHT WISH DISCUSS WITH SAUDIS AT MOMENT, KUWAITIS ARE ALWAYS KEENLY AWARE THAT THEY, THEIR INTERNATIONAL STANCE AND THEIR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL WAYS ARE DISAPPROVED OF BY SAUDIS, PRETTY WELL ACROSS BOARD. EVERY ONCE IN WHILE THEREFORE THEY FEEL CONSTRAINED TO MAKE A CONCILIATORY PILGRIMAGE TO KING FAISAL AND COMPANY. FACT THAT KUWAITIS CRUSHED SAUDIS IN SOCCER DURING GULF TOURNAMENT THIS SPRING AND FOLLOWED VICTORY WITH WILD CELEBRATIONS FOR THREE DAYS DID NOTHING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. (THIS IS NOT A JOKE).

3. KUWAITIS' REAL WORRIES ARE RE IRAQ, HOWEVER. THEY HAVE STILL
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NOT BEEN ABLE INDUCE IRAQI PM SADDAM HUSSEIN TO FULFILL HIS

PROMISE OF MANY MONTHS AGO TO RETURN VISIT LAST YEAR OF JABER
AL-AHMAD WHO WENT TO BAGHDAD IN HOPES OF REACHING SOME SOLUTION
TO BORDER PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO ONE STORY WE HAVE HEARD, SADDAM
HAS NO OBJECTION TO MAKING GOODWILL VISIT TO KUWAIT. HOWEVER,
WHEN HE INDICATED HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE THE FRONTIER,
HE WAS NOT PRESSED TO COME.
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